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EDITORIAL BY: SHARON VOGEL
 DIRECTOR OF
 DEVELOPMENT/MARKETING

This issue of *The Portal* celebrates the Balmoral Hall education, the Balmoral Hall family, and the school's vision of moving into the next millennium, well-positioned to serve its students.

I hope the articles and photos give you a flavour of the well-rounded Balmoral Hall education, and convey the high spirit of the B.H. family.

Since the last issue (Summer '97), exciting changes have been taking place. Proceeds from the "Enriching Her Tomorrows" Capital Campaign are being used to support the building project, which has moved into full swing. Construction of a new Athletic Centre, Theatre/Performing Arts Centre, Technology Centre, additional classrooms, and more, are currently about halfway completed. Please see the article on page 4.

I hope you enjoy this issue of *The Portal*, my first as the new editor of this publication. Former editor, Linda Martin, has returned to full-time teaching.

I welcome your comments and suggestions.

Sharon Vogel

Messages from Head and Directors



DIANE BIEBER –
HEAD OF SCHOOL

Why B.H.? Why a girls' school? These are questions that I am often asked, and the answer is simple. Girls perform better in a single-sex environment. This has been proven through research, and it's demonstrated daily at Balmoral Hall School.

Research shows that students in all-girls schools out-perform girls in co-ed schools. The way women learn and interact is different from men; not better or worse, but different. Girls from our school are less likely to hold stereotypical views of the kind of job they will pursue. Our girls are do-ers, and they will prove to be our future leaders.

At our school, we value differences; we value high marks. Our faculty encourages our young women to excel. B.H. students can open any door they want because they have developed the self-confidence and determination to reach their goals.

The Balmoral Hall School Education promotes our Mission Statement, as listed on the inside cover. To do this, our curriculum focuses on six key areas: 1) Academics; 2) Career Enhancement; 3) Global Awareness; 4) Athletics; 5) Personal Management 6) The Arts. Our new facilities will enhance our outstanding B.H. Education. We look forward to completion of a new gym, new theatre and technology centre early in '98. Balmoral Hall paves the road for our young women to reach their full potential when they graduate. Our motto, *meliora petens*, "seeking better things", continues to be pertinent as we head towards the 21st century.



JUDITH STEEK – DIRECTOR
OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Fall Season at Balmoral Hall was a very busy one.

The curricular and co-curricular activities in Junior School promote a well-balanced education for our students. Our enriched curriculum provides an exciting program for all students. Study skills begin early – Junior Kindergarten!

We start with basic skills and build, to develop sophisticated skills. By Grade 6, exam-writing skills and time-management concepts are taught.

The athletics department provides fun opportunities to develop skills needed for a life-long love of physical activity and fitness.

Our arts program is promoted through Junior School choir, music and art classes, a variety of clubs and field trips.

It is our hope that Junior School students, through diverse programming, will discover their potential talents.

We look forward to the new gym, theatre and technology centre. B.H. students will happily take advantage of these new facilities to further enhance our programs. Junior School is a very exciting place to be!



MAXINE CHUBATY – DIRECTOR
OF MIDDLE/SENIOR
SCHOOL ACADEMICS

HEATHER WESTDAL – DIRECTOR
OF MIDDLE/SENIOR SCHOOL
PROGRAMS

Senior 4 students are currently positioning themselves for the transition to university. With the assistance of the Career Centre Counsellor and the School Librarian, they have been accessing Canadian and American university information in catalogues and on the Internet. The students have access to scholarship information on CD ROM and many students have applied with the assistance of faculty and administration. Representatives from several Canadian and American universities have addressed the students since September.

In keeping with a rigorous approach to academics, students have been encouraged to experience events in the business community. For each outing, different students are selected. Some of the events that they have attended are: Canadian Club Speakers' Forum, Peter Mansbridge and The Manitoba Writers Festival co-hosted by B.H., representing the high school division.

To continue to foster a sense of community, students are volunteering at various human service organizations and businesses throughout Winnipeg during the course of the year and especially during the festive season.

To prepare young women for careers in business, the students have had the opportunity to study Business Principles and establish an international company called Continentia whereby they have linked with students in Scotland to import and export their products.

These are just some of the experiences that give Balmoral Hall students the educational advantage!

Summer of '97

THE SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

BY: PAT CONCHÂTRE –
JUNIOR SCHOOL RESOURCE

The Summer Scholars Program has been in operation for five years. This special anniversary year proved to be challenging and innovative. Fifty-four students and twenty-one staff (a.m. and p.m. programs) were involved in academic endeavors for four weeks during the last two weeks in July and the first two weeks in August. The morning (academic) portion of the program is enrichment and support in approach. With one teacher to two students, each program is individualized and designed to suit the student's strengths or weaknesses.

A special computer component was an integral part of each student's individual program, with the goal being integration and mastery.

Another program highlight was the presentation of a "B.H. – Summer Scholars LIFER" Certificate to Kristine Wilson (our Junior School 1997 Head Girl). She has attended all five years of Summer Scholars. As she will be "too old" for B.H.S.S. next year, she just can't stay away and has decided to be a student volunteer!

Great fun was had by all who attended the activity (afternoon) program, which is an option, but very popular. The B.H. bus was on the move this year to Adventure City, the Children's Museum, Oak Hammock Marsh and many other "neat" places! Along with games, indoors and out, there were crafts and other creative activities, swimming and pool parties.

Once again, the program was a great success for both students and teachers.

SHIZUOKA EIWA SUMMER SCHOOL

BY: JOHN KIDDELL – SUMMER
SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR

Another successful Summer School was held at Balmoral Hall from Wednesday, July 23 to Saturday, August 2.

This Summer School had many highlights. Mrs. Bieber was at the airport and attended the Farewell Banquet. For the first time, we took an overnight trip to Gull Harbour Resort at Hecla Island, which gave the Japanese students a real taste of a Canadian summer. Cheryl Briggs came on board as our Canadian students' mentor. Nicole Rieger was a great helper too. She, along with Denise Thompson and Colin Anderson, contributed so much to the supportive environment which benefited both the Japanese and Balmoral Hall girls. The Balmoral Hall girls, many with previous experience at the Summer School, enjoyed enriching the Japanese instruction provided by the Japanese teachers. The traditional high points of the school were thoroughly enjoyed: the horseback riding, the skating, the canoeing, and the river boat dancing, to name a few. Mayor Thompson and the Minister of Urban Affairs were particularly gracious toward all of our participants. Mr. Nishi, a Japanese teacher, provided most of the interpretation and Mrs. Nakamura, the group leader, refused to abstain from any activity. There really were too many positive things to mention in detail, however, I must commend the extraordinary organization of Carol Wright and her kitchen staff and Sharon Brown, Executive Secretary.



Pat Conchâtre congratulates Kristine Wilson on receiving her Summer Scholars Lifer Certificate.



The Sister School Agreement – Mrs. Diane Bieber and Mr. Matsunawa

SHIZUOKA EIWA MAPLE SYMPHONIC BAND VISITS

BY: HEATHER WESTDAL

DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE/SENIOR
SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Balmoral Hall said "Konnichiwa" to 50 girls from Japan's Shizuoka Eiwa Jogakuin School Band.

In the short three-day visit, the girls toured the city, and shopped. They performed, to a standing ovation, at Sturgeon Creek United Church.

One of the highlights of the School's visit was Shizuoka Eiwa's School Principal, Mr. Matsunawa and Balmoral Hall School's Head, Mrs. Diane Bieber, signing our Sister School Agreement.

"Enriching Her Tomorrows"

BALMORAL HALL SCHOOL... BECOMING BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER!

BY: SHARON VOGEL, DIRECTOR OF
DEVELOPMENT/MARKETING

During the summer, an exciting, long-awaited transformation began at Balmoral Hall School. Construction crews moved in, and building of a new Athletic Centre, Theatre/Performing Arts Centre, a Technology Centre, additional classrooms, and more, began!

These improvements are supported by the final phase of the "Enriching Her Tomorrows" Capital Campaign, which was initiated three years ago. Since 1994, parents, grandparents, alumnae, staff, foundations and friends of B.H. have pledged and donated more than \$1,775,000. Many thanks are extended to our donors and campaign volunteers who, through their efforts, have made these renovations possible. Our students will continue to receive the finest educational experience possible.

The goal of the building project is for all students to benefit from each component of the new facilities. Whether it be Junior School students enjoying the theatre for assemblies and holiday concerts or Senior School teams competing in the competition-size gym, these additions will be greatly appreciated. The theatre will also be available to community groups for renting.

A New Building Committee, headed by Advisory Board member Dr. Stephen Coyle, meets monthly to review construction issues. The Committee liaises with the Construction Manager, A. Akman & Son (1991) Ltd. To date, construction has gone very smoothly, with minimal disruption to students and programs.

At the time of writing (November '97), the mainframe construction has been completed. In other words, all exterior and interior walls are in place, the roof is on, the structure of theatre seats has been done and the theatre stage has been poured. Completion for the major work is on target for spring 1998.

Head of School Diane Bieber says parents, students and faculty have been great about making any necessary adjustments. "We've had to create a temporary location for the locker room, and we've asked parents to drop-off and pick up their children in a different fashion, and everyone has cooperated wonderfully."

If you have not yet donated to this important project, it's not too late! Please contact Director of Development/Marketing Sharon Vogel to discuss how you can be counted in our Donor Recognition Program. In particular, be sure to consider "purchasing" a theatre seat. Just send us the form on the next page.



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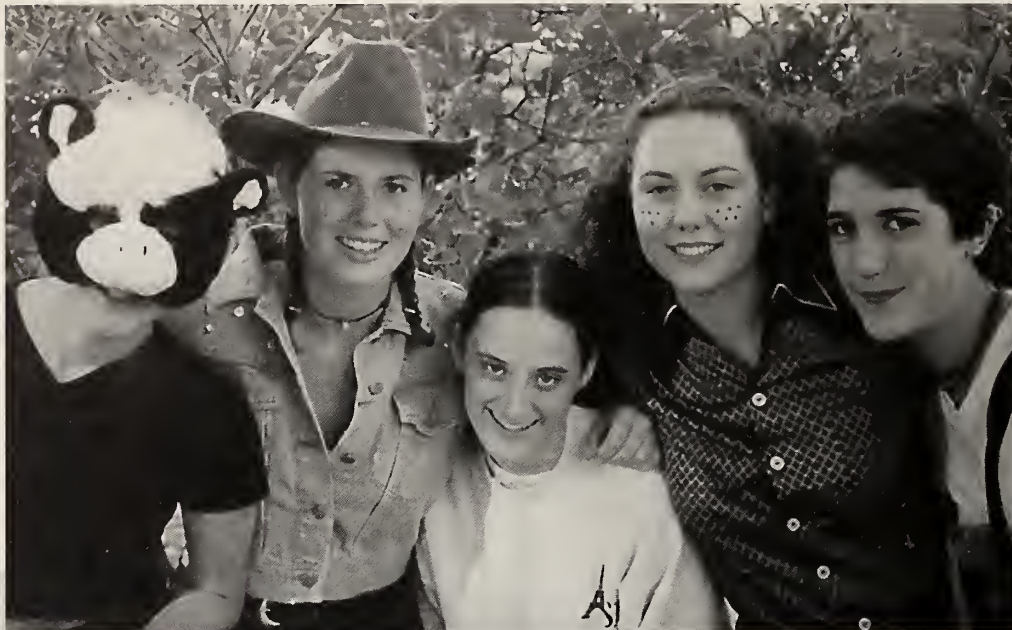
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Parent Association Events



l-r: Heather Hrousalas, Danica Levy, Lindsay Ross-Stewart, Sacha Masson, Ruth Amsden



Young cowgirls - l-r: Veronica Wong, Lana Belton, Mika Rayter, Kaitlin Briggs

PARENT ASSOCIATION'S YA-HOO BAR-B-QUE

BY: MAGGIE MCNAUGHT, BBQ CHAIR

On the beautiful evening of September 17, 1300 members of the Balmoral Hall family gathered on the school grounds for the annual BBQ. Plenty of food was served by Carol Wright and her team, BBQ'd to perfection by members of the Board of Governors. The happy diners enjoyed the country sounds of Yogi & Glenn's fiddle and guitar.

Many fun events followed. The Jar Bar, full of dollar surprises, was organized by Cheryl Briggs and was once again a great source of delight to the students. The Duck Pond and Raffle

Table were stacked with treasures, large and small, for lucky winners. Screams of delight rang out as the teachers splashed into the dunk tank. What great sports they were!

The younger cowboys and cowgirls, with painted faces, rode ponies and ate popcorn and candyfloss, while teachers and parents enjoyed visiting with one another in the casual atmosphere.

The BBQ is hosted by the Parent Association and is a continued success, thanks to the efforts of volunteers drawn from parents, teachers and students. We welcome new ideas, and encourage new members, in order to ensure that the B.H. BBQ will continue to be fun for all.

Giving Back to the Community

TERRY FOX DAY 1997

BY: JOAN WEBB
MIDDLE/SENIOR SCHOOL
PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Balmoral Hall School continued its annual support of the Terry Fox Foundation by holding a walk/run, on Friday, September 12th. The School raised over \$1,800 for cancer research.

Staff and parents joined over 400 girls, ranging from Grade 1 to Senior 4, as they ran and walked the Wellington Crescent route. "Checkpoints" were set every .5 km to provide a challenge for the students. More than 200 girls reached the farthest checkpoint at 3.3 km, before turning around.

This was also a House competition, based on distance covered and fund-raising efforts, for House points. Braemar was first, followed closely by Glen Gairn, Ballater and Craig Gowan.

Special thanks to all, for continuing to support The Marathon of Hope!



Lisa Calsbeck signals the start of the Terry Fox Run



Glen Gairn girls gather for House cheers prior to the Terry Fox Run

STUDENTS BRING GIFTS OF HAPPINESS TO WINNIPEG COMMUNITY

BY: LEE ANDERSON
COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATOR

Offerings of generosity were visible throughout the city as all Balmoral Hall students brought the gift of holiday cheer to others on Tuesday, December 16.

Junior School students (Kindergarten to Grade 6) participated in the event by gathering gifts of food and toys for the Salvation Army Santa Van. Meanwhile, Middle and Senior School students (Grade 7 to Senior 4) reached out into the community to help spread cheer at a variety of locations. Agape Table, Health Sciences Centre Foundation, Christmas Cheer Board,

Misericordia Hospital Foundation, Winnipeg Humane Society, Salvation Army, Rainbow Society, Red River Community College Food Bank, and Sharon Home were a few of the recipients of Balmoral Hall Students' Community Service efforts.

"The students in Grades 7 to Senior 4 are very comfortable with volunteering because it is a part of the curriculum at Balmoral Hall School. Throughout the year, students participate in a Community Service program whereby they help at day care centres, hospitals, and museums," says Community Service Coordinator Lee Anderson. "We believe that students need to become aware of and involved in many agencies and activities that could not happen if it were not for volunteers. We strive to have volunteerism become a part of their lives."

Grade Sixes Learn in Outdoor Classroom



The Grade 6's relax after building a survival shelter



Cooperative shoosing boards. All together now, 1, 2, 3...

CAMP ARNES '97

BY: JUDY CHRISTIE
JUNIOR SCHOOL TEACHER

The Grade 6 classes had the privilege of enjoying three wonderful, fun-filled days at Camp Arnes, during the September 24 - 26 heat wave! Sunshine, vibrant fall colors, and warm breezes set the stage for an outdoor education experience second to none.

Our past 11 visits to Arnes have been spent partaking in winter outdoor activities. This was a pleasant change.

The students were thrilled with the choice of cabins and the class sessions they attended. The archery range was a "big hit" when the balloons popped with bulls eye after bulls eye.

How many of you have conquered a 32-foot climbing wall on your first try? Cheers of "Camp Arnes Rules"

resounded, throughout the ground, each time the top was reached.

Horseback riding, building survival shelters, taking nature walks, making fires and baking bannock were only a few of the other opportunities presented to each eager young lady.

Old friendships were renewed and new friendships were formed, while we all joined together for cooperative games, fabulous meals, jumping on the trampoline, playing on the octopus, riding the haywagon, surviving as animals in the forest and roasting marshmallows on the beach, under the stars.

The ultimate conclusion, for all of us, was summarized in these few words –

"Wouldn't learning be grand if we could be in a setting like this all the time?"



Horseback riding was a favourite at camp

Camp Arnes Rules!

Junior School Clubs

JUNIOR SCHOOL CLUBS

By: NANCY YOUNG
JUNIOR SCHOOL TEACHER

Club Night! I have been participating in the Thursday ritual for 11 years.

What to do? What to do? In late August, the "sign-up" sheet is passed from teacher to teacher, in order to declare our chosen club.

None of us undertake this task lightly. During the summer, we squirrel away newspaper and magazine articles, bandy about ideas, peruse books and hone our skills. We anticipate the "list" and the accompanying eager students who are waiting to be introduced to a new hobby. We want this extended hour of school to be special for the girls.

My favorite part of Club Night is 4:30 – not because I can head home! I love to stand in the hallway and hear the enthusiasm, laughter and "show-and-tell" filling the corridors.

The snippets of conversation are enlightening – "My mom will love this!" – "Watch me line dance!" – "I'm giving my friendship bracelet to my best friend." – "I scored two baskets!" – "I'll be able to calligraphy my title pages." – "Mrs. Young, taste this." – "I'll be able to baby-sit my neighbors." – "My grandma will be so impressed with my needlework." – "I was Prime Minister in debating."

– "I can juggle!", and on and on. When I see the creations from clubs and hear these positive comments, I understand the value of Club Night. It is an integration of different age levels, a relaxed sharing of one's skill and an ensuing sense of accomplishment.

Yes, we are a community of learners and my only regret is that I can't attend all of the different sessions.

Thursday night, we can "count the day done because we've made the day count."



Bead Jewellery Club
(l-r: Laura Matsalla, Brittany Cawson)



Stamp Art Club (l-r: Grier Schmidt, Miranda Carter)

Residence Program

A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

BY: TRACY SMITH
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF RESIDENCE

Balmoral Hall prides itself on offering a Residence Program for students from Canada, the United States and abroad. It is an environment where young women from diverse backgrounds can interact with one another, creating bonds that will last a lifetime. These bonds were beginning to form before school began. During Orientation Week, international students were introduced to much of what Winnipeg has to offer. The new students viewed our city from the calm and serene viewpoint of our Assiniboine and Red Rivers, and from atop a double-decker tour bus. They also had a chance to "get back to nature" and paddle a canoe around Oak Hammock Marsh, and they

experienced everything Winnipeg's shopping has to offer!

Both School and resident activities are planned to ensure that our students have every opportunity to experience local culture. A variety of activities are offered each Sunday, and include Manitoba Moose hockey games, bowling, amusement parks, "Boo at the Zoo", and horseback riding. Activities are provided during the week, as well, and include plays at the Manitoba Theatre Centre and Prairie Theatre Exchange.

The culturally diverse component of the residence offers all students at B.H. an opportunity to experience life from a myriad of viewpoints. B.H. day students also have opportunities to participate in residence activities. We have held dinners and sleepovers to promote a bond to develop with students living outside of residence.



International students visit Oak Hammock Marsh during Orientation Week

HERE IS WHAT A FEW STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT LIVING IN RESIDENCE:

"It's really fun... all residents get to go on all the activities."



Africa Mendez
Corona (Mexico)

"Rez. is a real cultural, interesting, learning experience."



Brooke Baines
(United States)

"Sunday activities are very good."



Kelly Tse
(Hong Kong)

"We are always doing something fun."



Lorena Murillo
(Mexico)

"We get to participate with others from different cultures."



Cris Gonzalez
(Mexico)

Public Speaking and Debating

MONTREAL, A FABULOUS EXPERIENCE

BY: LINDA MARTIN
MIDDLE/SENIOR SCHOOL
HISTORY/DEBATING/PUBLIC SPEAKING

Montreal, a vibrant, cosmopolitan, historical city, was the site of the International Independent Schools Public Speaking Competition in October. Fifty independent schools from Canada, the United States, Great Britain and Argentina met at Lower Canada College to compete in nine events over five days.

The Balmoral Hall School team was made up of Sarah Carter, Candice Donnelly, and Kristin Westdal. The competition was very stiff, so between events the students relaxed by touring "Old Montreal", testing restaurants, visiting with Alumnae at McGill University, and, of course, shopping.

At the end of the five days, Kristin Westdal placed 4th in Persuasive Speaking and 12th in Dramatic Interpretation; and Candice Donnelly, at age 13, surpassed her goals in her first competition against 16 to 18 year olds. The students claim this was the best away trip ever.

A CELEBRATION OF SPEECH AND DEBATE

Saturday, November 22nd saw the halls of Balmoral Hall filled with 80 student competitors from 16 schools, up to 120 judges, and 50 B.H. student organizers, participating in the 6th annual Rupert's Land Public Speaking Tournament.

Over the last six years, this tournament has grown to include schools from outside Winnipeg. This year, schools from British Columbia, Alberta, Morden, Altona and Stonewall joined the Winnipeg schools in competition. Competition was fierce because the top two Manitoba students would go on to the National Public Speaking Championships in January, 1998, and this tournament, in turn, chooses six members of the Canadian Team to the World Debate and Public Speaking Championships in Argentina in March.

Everyone entered the co-ordination debate in the morning, where the resolutions ranged from "Censorship should be left to the individual" to "Today's role models aren't." In the afternoon, the competitors entered either Persuasive Speaking or

Impromptu Speaking. In the Persuasive Speaking, Sarah Carter placed first and Kristin Westdal second. In the Impromptu Speaking, Sarah Coates placed fifth.

For me, as the Co-ordinator of Speech and Debate at Balmoral Hall, the real joy of this tournament is observing the students organizing the event on the day. One of the strengths of this tournament is the excellent manner in which the students run each round of competition. I am always so proud of their contribution, as the competitors thank me for the opportunity to perform under such superb conditions.

The second strength of this tournament is the fact that we have so many wonderful judges. The Parent Association, under Nancy Ball, provide almost 100 judges, and the other schools are envious of such wonderful support.

At the end of the day, Mercedes Stephenson from Strathcona-Tweedsmuir in Calgary, placed first, with Sarah Carter and Mira Novek tied for second. Mira Novek and Sarah Carter will represent Manitoba at the National Public Speaking Championships.



Kristin Westdal



Candice Donnelly



Sarah Carter



Sarah Coates

Student Leadership Conferences

9TH MANITOBA STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

BY: HEATHER WESTDAL
DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE/SENIOR
SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Marching into the millennium!

The Irish theme was evident as soon as we arrived in Killarney and the Lucky Leprechauns greeted us. The Blarney stones were in every delegate's kit. A good luck charm for each one of us.

Students from across Manitoba converged on Killarney from September 12-14. Our B.H. students were very fortunate to have been billeted in a guest home - all eight of them.

Highlights of the conference were motivational speakers, Stu and Andy with "Care is Contagious", Light

the Torch multimedia video and the varied workshop sessions with students learning, together, how to make their school, themselves and their students more involved in their schools.

Here is what students had to say:

Kathryn Ball - "One of the most amazing experiences of my life, not only because I learned so much that I could bring back to B.H. to make this year amazing, but also because of the friendships I made."

Erin Palmer - "Motivational speakers Stu and Andy made us realize that no one is perfect, but someone starts every good thing, so it might as well be me. I'm going to work hard to carry on the positive, caring attitude of the conference to help and encourage everyone!"

Rena Sharfe - "Seize today! Stu and Andy told us to get the most out of every situation and to never let any opportunity pass us by."

Melanie Hawranik - "Hard saying good-bye to the friends we made from around Manitoba."

Crystal Bewza - "My visit to the Hutterite Colony was educational... people in Canada can have a very different view of life...I realized how different their children's life must be from mine."

Jasper Sandhu - "The B.H. student delegates share common memories from this special event."

The students had the opportunity to tour the surrounding area, the Hutterite Colony, the Peace Gardens, Harison Mill and the antique car museum.

Killarney Conference - (back) l-r: Jasper Sandhu, Kathy Rogozinski, Kathryn Ball (front) l-r: Crystal Bewza, Heather Westdal, Katie Gibson, Rena Sharfe, Melanie Hawranik, Erin Palmer, Lee Anderson



CANADIAN NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

BY: HEATHER HROUSALAS, HEAD GIRL
KRISTIN WESTDAL, SCHOOL CAPTAIN

From September 23 - 28 we, Heather and Kristin, attended the Canadian National Student Leadership Conference in Montreal. The theme of the conference was "Prends ton envol!" or "Take Flight!"

When we arrived, we were greeted by many spirit leaders (known as buddies) who were yelling and ecstatically jumping up and down. We thought that the theme might have some literal meaning, after all.

The conference involved over 600 delegates from across Canada. It was amazing to meet so many keen students, excited about being leaders. We felt at home, amidst the crazy activities and amazing cheers. Some students share their experiences:

Our billet family was overly considerate and introduced us to the countryside of Hudson, Quebec. We also had the opportunity to visit the Molson Centre, The Bio Dome, and Old Montreal. We spent an evening at an original Cabane au Sucre, where we experienced an old-style Quebec feast and rustic entertainment.

We participated in many workshops, raising school spirit which has helped us with this year's student activities. We were inspired by motivational speakers, Phil Doucette, Andy and Stu and the irreplaceable Mark Scharenbroch.

All in all, our trip to Montreal was fantastic! We met hundreds of interesting people, and made many friends, who we plan on keeping in contact with. It was an honour to represent Balmoral Hall at the National Conference, and we'd like to thank the school, Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. Westdal, for giving us this opportunity.

We plan to help our school take flight, this year!

Montreal Conference (l-r: Kristin Westdal, Mark Scharenbroch, Heather Hrousalas)



Getting Down to Business

ACHIEVERS INTERNATIONAL

BY: JULIE RYCKMAN – GRADE 12

This is the '90's – a decade in which more women are entering the work force and the business world – than ever before. Women are becoming major players in the corporate world and are taking their place among the previously male-dominated boardrooms.

This year, approximately 20 young women, from Balmoral Hall, have entered the world of business through the Achievers International Business Program. Ms Donna Alexander, our teacher advisor, heard about the Program last year, at a teacher's conference in Calgary, and thought that students from Balmoral Hall would be the perfect candidates for the program. Since then, the idea has taken off and we are forming an incorporated company called Achievers International Inc.

The basic idea of Achievers International is to expose high school students to the international business world and the "information highway" through a hands-on program. Every school in Canada, involved in Achievers, forms a company and is then paired with a school overseas, which has formed a company, as well. Throughout the year, the two companies

operate interdependently. Each company invests in a product, usually one that reflects their country's culture. That product is exported to the country overseas and is marketed by the partner company in his/her country. This way, each company learns how to import, export, and market products.

The program is run both in the Business Education class and as an extra-curricular activity, to provide the opportunity for involvement to all students from Grades 7 to Senior 4. In early September, all of the interested participants were interviewed and assigned official positions by Brenda Wilcox (Health Sciences Centre) and Diane McGowan (Bank of Nova Scotia). The executives of the company are Chandra Gunther (president), Kathy Rogozinski (finance), Ginny Koreman (administration), Crystal Bewza (marketing exports), Kristen Gale (marketing imports), Claire McLaughlin (communications), and Julie Ryckman (human resources). Other students who are involved are: Amanda Salaam, Anna Penner, Dorice Tepley, Cody Yiu, Nina Kaler, Cindy Cheung and Kim Chourarath.

Now, the corporate ball is rolling. All of the students have contributed significantly to the day-to-day business, during weekly after-school meetings

and during class time. Already, we have been exposed to many aspects of how a business operates. We have approached business and the government (Jim Downey, Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism) for financial support and have successfully received sponsorship from The Bank of Nova Scotia, who has agreed to cover most of our telecommunication fees, issued us an overdraft, and are waiving our service charges. We have done a great deal of research into the Scottish market, to find out what kinds of products the general public is interested in buying. We have exercised our shopping skills at the Forks and other cultural shops, trying to find our distinctly Canadian items, for export. We have learned about different ways in which we communicate with our Scottish counterpart, St. Ninian's High School in Glasgow, including e-mail and video conferencing.

Achievers International has given us, the business women of tomorrow, a head start in the corporate world. By managing our own business, we are getting a taste of what the world of business is all about. Achievers promises to provide many learning opportunities about international trade, communication networks, financial management, and team building.

THE BUSINESS WOMEN OF TOMORROW



l-r Cindy Cheung, Kristen Gale, Kathy Rogozinski meet with Jim Downey, Minister of Industry, Trade & Tourism at the Legislature

Festivals: Winnipeg and Minneapolis

WINNIPEG WRITERS FESTIVAL

BY: AUDREY GREENHILL
MIDDLE/SENIOR SCHOOL
ENGLISH/DRAMA TEACHER

On October 14, 15 and 16, Balmoral Hall was the host high school for the inaugural Winnipeg Writers Festival. Students had the opportunity to hear readings by a variety of distinguished authors. Martha Brooks, Linda Holeman, Diana Wieler, George Amabile, Lawrence Hill, Robert Sawyer, James Houston, Catherine Senecal, Margaret Sweatman and Anne Gzumigalski impressed and entertained their listeners by sharing portions of their works. Following the readings, groups of students had writing workshops and discussions with some of the authors.

These sessions were interesting and inspirational. Balmoral Hall was proud to be a part of the Winnipeg Writers Festival, and looks forward to hosting this event, next year, in our "new" facility!

l-r: Authors Linda Holeman, Diana Wieler, George Amabile, Martha Brooks



GRADE 8 TRIP TO THE RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

BY: ELIZABETH BONNETT
MIDDLE/SENIOR SCHOOL ART TEACHER

It was 5:45 a.m. on September 26 when I arrived to open the gates, and a van was already waiting for me. More cars followed. With the students arriving before the bus had come, I already felt that we would have a good trip.

There were 42 Grade 8 students on this year's trip, accompanied by Mrs. Shyka, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Webb and her husband, Wayne (who drove the school van crew), and me. This was our largest group in the past six years.

The girls' schedule for the weekend was quite full, starting with the nine-hour bus ride. At the hotel, we quickly unloaded, then zipped off to the Mall of America.

Saturday morning we piled into the bus and headed for the Festival, staying there until 7 p.m. The entire festival site is an experience that surrounds the visitor with Middle Ages atmosphere: sounds of people singing, laughing, and hawking their

wares; smells of leather, incense, horses and food (soup in a bread bowl, turkey drumstick, bloomin' onions); and sights of people in costume everywhere, of the Royal Court, of the buildings and the hand-made goods for sale, and of the many demonstrations and activities that were happening throughout the day (jousting tournaments, a Jacob's Ladder competition, the Royal Falconer, and tower climbing, to name a few). It was an exciting and tiring day, which ended at the hotel pool and hot tub (and I think there were a few pizza parties in the rooms, too!).

Sunday morning, after breakfast and room inspection, the girls were ready to leave Minneapolis. After two long days and nights, where chatting replaced most of the sleep, the girls had a peaceful ride home, arriving back at B.H., shortly after 7 p.m.

All in all, it was a successful trip, with the new girls starting friendships with the old ones, the teachers sharing experiences with the students, and all of us learning a little bit about what life might have been like during the Renaissance.

The King and Queen entertain at the Royal Court



Profile: Volleyball at Balmoral Hall

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT VOLLEYBALL AT BALMORAL HALL

BY: JOAN WEBB
MIDDLE/SENIOR PHYSICAL
EDUCATION TEACHER

- *One out of five girls in Middle/Senior School plays on a team: 2 Junior (Grade 7 - 8) teams, the Junior Varsity (Senior 1 - 2) or the Varsity (Senior 3 - 4) team.*
- *All teams are called the B.H. BLAZERS.*
- *All teams enter weekend tournaments.*
- *Each team member spends about six hours per week practicing or playing. Including tournament time, students can spend up to 12 hours per week playing volleyball.*
- *A high percentage of volleyball players are consistently on the School Honour Roll.*
- *The Senior 2 - 3 Phys. Ed. program trains students as volleyball officials, either as referees, umpires, linesmen, or scorekeepers. Each official assists in at least three home games.*
- *The Senior 4 Phys. Ed. students planned and organized an invitational tournament, at Balmoral Hall, for top Winnipeg Senior Women's volleyball teams, the week of November 12 to 16.*
- *In past years, the volleyball coaches have invited the National Volleyball team or coaches to hold clinics for our players. Mike Burchuk has assisted us many times. This year, National Volleyball coach, Garth Pishke, spent some time with our players.*
- *All B.H. teams are in volleyball finals in the last two weeks of November... then basketball starts, but that is another story!*

WESTERN INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

BY: LISA FRASER
MIDDLE/SENIOR SCHOOL PHYSICAL
EDUCATION TEACHER

The varsity girls' volleyball team took part in the annual Western Canadian Independent Volleyball Classic, October 14 - 17. It was hosted by St. Boniface Diocesan High School, and the organizing committee ran a first-class event. The competition at this year's tournament was outstanding, as the calibre of play, among independent schools, continues to improve.

Each team played a total of nine matches over two days. Although B.H. finished eighth in a pool of 10, we

were extremely pleased with our results when up against the top-seeded teams. The Notre Dame Huskies were the eventual winners of the tournament, in a thrilling three-game match over SJR.

On Saturday evening, a farewell banquet, which was well attended, recognized team MVP's and tournament all-stars. We then had the pleasure of listening to Michelle Sawatsky, former setter of the Canadian Olympic team, provide some inspirational words to our young athletes.

Overall, the tournament was a great success. All participants were a little weary, by the end of the weekend, but that is a sign of tough competition. We are already looking forward to next year's tournament which will be hosted by two schools, Brentwood and York House, in the Vancouver area.

volley BALL

Danica Levy and Alexis Cloutier
"blocking"



Expanding Students' Horizons

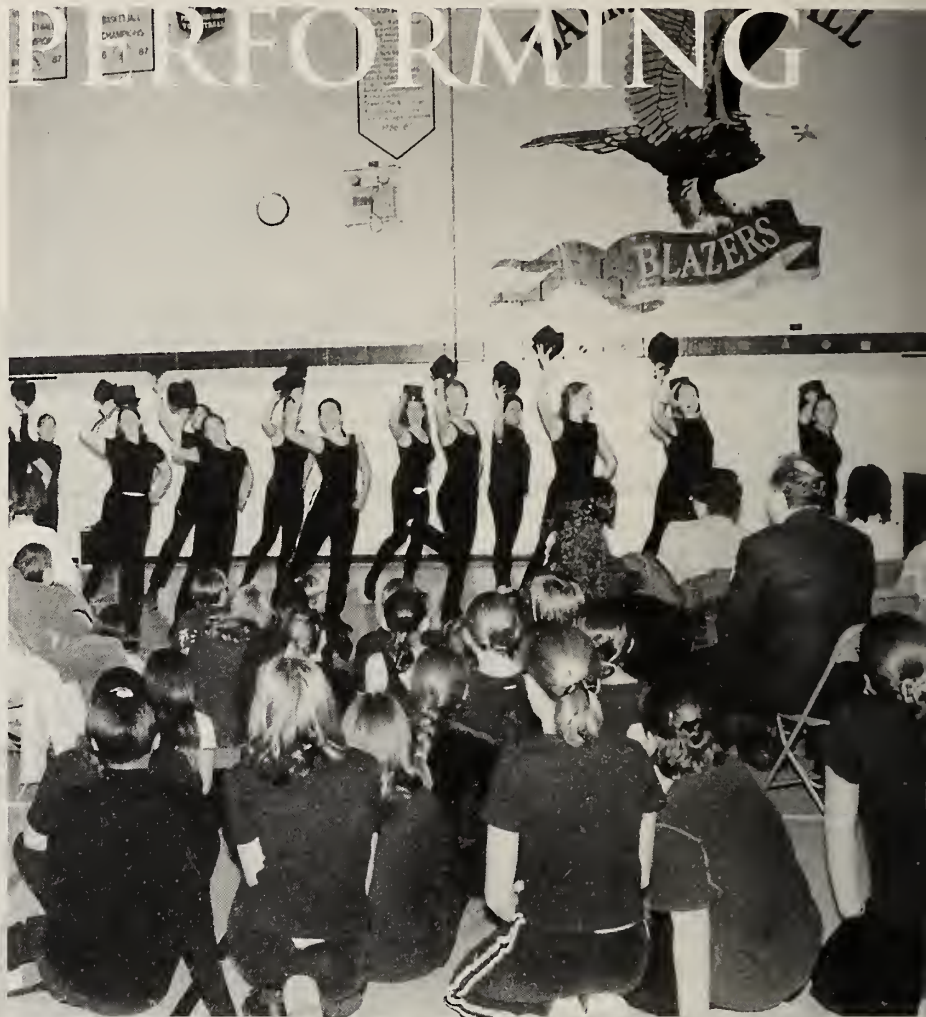
PERFORMING ARTS EVENING

BY: BEV ARONOVITCH
MUSIC TEACHER

Richardson gymnasium was packed with students and family on November 27 for an evening of entertainment that showcased the work of Balmoral Hall's Art and Performing Arts students. To open the program, the enthusiastic audience was treated to a beautifully performed program of selections by the Senior Choir and Ensembles.

Next up were 46 Grade 7 dancers who strutted their stuff in two lively modern dance routines, choreographed by visiting "Artist-in-the Schools" dancer, Judy Cook. The dancing continued when all three classes of Grade 8 students donned their dancing shoes, to present a colourful picture of Renaissance times in contrast with modern ways.

The evening continued as audience members filled the Atrium to view the wide variety of artwork representing Ms Bonnett's and Mrs. Anderson's art and design art students.



TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK

BY: HEATHER EMBERLEY
CAREER COUNSELLOR

Take our Kids to Work™ is an endeavour sponsored by Human Resources Development Canada, The United Way, YMCA Canada, and Manitoba Education and Training.

While the rest of Canada takes their Senior 1 kids to work, we took our Grade 7 daughters to work, for the second year in a row, this past November 5th. Initiated by Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Alexander in 1996, our Grade 7's once again

demonstrated capabilities and maturity beyond their years.

The goal is to give students a realistic view of the world of work and to link classroom and workplace experiences. The students also have an opportunity to gain an understanding and appreciation of the challenges that their parents face daily, and the accomplishments that they achieve.

The girls returned with many exciting experiences and observations to share with their classmates. Follow-up written reports of the day will begin the student's career portfolio work with Career Counsellor, Mrs. Emberley.

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TINA ALTO
ALUMNAE DIRECTOR

Tina's educational background includes Business and Volunteer Management and Arts. She comes to us from the Manitoba Society of Seniors, where she served as Executive Director, for two years. She is excited about putting her skills to work for the School and Alumnae Association.



**KAREN BARG
CAMACHO**
FRONT OFFICE
RECEPTIONIST

Karen graduated from Westgate Mennonite Collegiate before attending the University of Manitoba and McGill University music faculties. She has played violin for 20 years and is active in Winnipeg's music community.



**STEPHANIE
BOURBONNAIS**
GRADE 6 TEACHER

Stephanie received her Bachelor of Education from the University of Winnipeg. Following that, she and her husband moved to Coquitlam, B.C., where she began her teaching career with the Coquitlam School District. She is very excited about working with, and getting to know, the staff at B.H.



LINDA CAMPBELL
TEACHERS' ASSISTANT

Linda is full of happy spirit, and works in Junior School. When the

school day is through, you'll find Linda in Extended Day, laughing, singing and encouraging play. Linda graduated from RRCC with her Child Care Diploma, in 1993. She worked with school age and special needs until her B.H. opportunity.



ANGELA CLARKSON
KINDERGARTEN
TEACHER

Angela attended the University of Manitoba and the University of Brandon, and from there received her Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education Degrees. Angela has gained valuable experience teaching Kindergarten, Grade 4 to Grade 9 Resource, and Kindergarten to Grade 6 Resource. She is excited about her first year at B.H., and she is looking forward to working with the staff and the B.H. families.



HEATHER EMBERLEY
CAREER COUNSELLOR

Heather, B.A. (History); B.Ed. P.B.C.E. has 12 years experience as a Counsellor K to S4. She is Past President of the Manitoba School Counsellors Association, Editor of the Manitoba Journal of Counselling for six years, and has won the Outstanding Achievement in Journalism Award. A freelance writer and book reviewer, Heather has recently been asked to sit on the U.S. National Education Service Advisory Board for the Journal of Community Caring. She has also signed to write a book on children's heart surgery. Heather is pleased to join the B.H. family in her .5 position with Grades 7 to S4.



LISA FRASER
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
TEACHER

Lisa received her B.P.E. and B.Ed. at the University of Manitoba, in 1996. She first came to Balmoral Hall in 1995, as the coach of the varsity girls basketball team. Over the 97/98 school year, she will be teaching Grades 8 - Senior 4 Physical Education and coaching varsity volleyball and basketball. Outside of school life, Lisa is very involved in the sports community. Currently, she serves on the Sport Manitoba Board of Directors as the athletic representative of our province. As an athlete, Lisa is highly competitive in four-wall handball and, just recently, she played an active role in hosting the 1997 World Handball Championships.



BETH GOLDBERG
FRENCH TEACHER

Beth holds a B.A. in French and Art History from the University of Winnipeg, a B.Ed. with a French specialty from the University of Western Ontario, and a Master's degree in Educational Administration from the University of Manitoba. Beth began her teaching career at B.H., and returns after an eight year absence.



ANNE HESTER
FRONT OFFICE

Anne works part-time as part of the front office staff. She was born and raised in Brantford, Ontario, and moved to Winnipeg with her husband and three children 18 years ago. Now

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that her family is grown, she finds time for volunteer activities at the Manitoba Cancer Treatment & Research Foundation and Children's Hospital Foundation.



SHEILA HUNTER
ACCOUNTANT

Sheila recently moved back to Winnipeg, after working for Colliers International Ltd. in Toronto as a conveyancing administrator. She enjoys cross-stitching, reading, old movies, gardening, and weight walking.



BINA JOHN
MUSIC TEACHER

Music has always been Bina's passion. She has a Masters in Music from the University of Toronto, as well as a Bachelor of Music (Piano) and Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta. Bina's research interest is music acquisition in early childhood. She is very excited about teaching at the Junior Kindergarten to Grade 2 level, and believes it is such a pleasure to work with the very motivated students and such a warm, supportive staff, at B.H.



CAROLYN KNOWLES
GRADE 4 TEACHER

Carolyn's most recent teaching experience was at the Harare International School, in Zimbabwe, where she taught Grade 4. She received her B.Sc. from the University of Guelph and her Teaching Certification at Simpson College, in Iowa. Since moving to

Winnipeg, last year, she has been working towards her Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Education, at the University of Manitoba.



WILLIAM KORYTOWSKI
MATH AND
COMPUTER SCIENCE

William received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Education (in Computer Science) degrees from the University of Manitoba and a Master of Arts (in Mathematics) from the University of Illinois. He has taught Mathematics and/or Computer Science for almost 30 years. As well, he taught for two years at the University of Manitoba, training secondary school teachers. He has co-authored various mathematics textbooks, two of which are currently used in Manitoba secondary schools.



CATHERINE LEWIS
ESL INSTRUCTOR

Catherine received her B.A. and B.Ed. from the University of Western Ontario, in 1981. While touring with a singing and drama team, in the Philippines, Cathy had her first exposure to teaching English As A Second Language (ESL). She has taught adult ESL, part-time, since 1989, as well as volunteered and substitute taught at the Junior/Senior High level ESL programs in Winnipeg School Division #1 and Seven Oaks School Division. She maintains active involvement with "Friendship Partners" from China, who study at the University of Manitoba.



TRACY SMITH
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF
RESIDENCE/COMPUTER
APPLICATIONS TEACHER

Tracy received her Bachelor of Arts in 1995, with a double major in Classical Studies and History, and a double minor in Political Science and English, from the University of Manitoba. She received her Bachelor of Education, from Brandon University, in May of 1997.

Although she has spent time in the United Kingdom, France and Holland, her heart belongs in Winnipeg. Tracy is extremely pleased to be a part of the B.H. family.



HILDY THIESSEN
BUSINESS MANAGER

Hildy's educational background is Bachelor of Commerce Honours Degree, 1988, and a designation of Chartered Accountant, received in 1991. Her work experience includes nine years with Coopers & Lybrand, and extensive volunteer Board and Committee work. Hildy is looking forward to working in the school setting, as she has three young children of her own. She is very excited about being part of the B.H. "family" and being involved in school life.

Introducing New Board Members



KEITH JORDAN

Keith Jordan, C.A., is President of Stewart Scott Insurance, a general insurance agency in Kildonan Place Mall. He sits on the Board of Directors of two other insurance agencies, and is the Finance Chair and a Member of Council of the Charleswood United Church. Keith is married, with one daughter, Chelsa, who is in Grade 3 at Balmoral Hall.



SANDI KRAWCHENKO

Sandi Krawchenko is the President of Corporate Image Video Inc., a Manitoba company that specializes in building the public profile of businesses through various marketing tools. Before starting her own company, Sandi was in television news for 20 years, in Montreal and in Winnipeg. She serves on the Steering Committee of Small Business Week in Manitoba, and is a member of Rotary International. Sandi's daughter, Katiana, is in her second year at Balmoral Hall, in Grade 1. "It's largely because of Balmoral Hall School that I am able to make a long

term commitment to staying in Manitoba," Sandi says. "The School embraces a value system that inspires a real comfort level for me, both in the pursuit of academic excellence and in the warmth of its care of the students."



KEN LEE

Ken Lee, C.A., is a partner in the firm, Stefanson & Lee, Chartered Accountants. Ken currently serves on a number of Boards, including the Pine Ridge Golf Club and the Manitoba Jockey Club. In addition, he is the Co-Chairman of Food Operations for the 1999 Pan-Am Games. Ken's daughter, Jamie, is in her second year at Balmoral Hall, in Grade 7.



ROSANA LEUNG SHING

Rosana Leung Shing has been Administration Manager for Science & Technology Center (STC) Laboratories Inc. since 1988. Prior to this, she worked for an analytical firm in Sheffield, England. She obtained a Bachelor of Commerce degree with a

major in Finance from Concordia University, Montreal, in 1986.

Rosana is happily married with two children - a son, who recently finished JK and K, at Balmoral Hall - presently attends Grade One, at SJR, and a daughter who will be attending Balmoral Hall in September 1999.



DONNA MILLER

Donna Miller has a daughter, Caroline Monnin, who is in Grade 8 at Balmoral Hall, as well as a son, Paul, who attends public school. Donna is married to Marc Monnin. In her professional life, Donna practices constitutional law with the Manitoba government, teaches constitutional law at the Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba and is a Bencher of the Law Society of Manitoba.



JACK TEPLY

Jack Tepley is a lawyer, practising with Tepley and Pooley. He is a member of the Canadian Bar Association, Ukrainian Professional Business Club, and The Rotary Club of Winnipeg. Jack's daughter Dorice, who is in grade 9, has been at Balmoral Hall since Kindergarden.

Alumnae Report



REPORT FROM THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

BY: CATHERINE THIESSEN (B.H. '78)
PRESIDENT, ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

The Annual Meeting of the Balmoral Hall Alumnae Association was held at Aikins House on September 29. Alumnae visited with staff and members of the Board of Governors and had a good opportunity to renew and make new acquaintances.

After a welcome from myself and Diane Bieber, we heard reports on our Annual Giving Campaign, from Maria (Clark) Lysack '82, our Treasurer, and from the Heritage Committee represented by Co-Chair, Diane Sidebottom-Roulston. After a brief update from myself, Linda (Miller) Martin '62 gave her outgoing report as Alumnae Director. The Alumnae Association thanked Linda for her support and contribution as Alumnae Director and presented her with a gift as a token of our appreciation.

We welcome our new Alumnae Director Tina Alto to support our activities and help us promote Balmoral Hall. A write-up about Tina is featured on page 17.

We look forward to your support of our 97/98 Annual Giving Campaign, and the projects of the Heritage Committee. For the future, the Alumnae Association will be holding a Reunion Weekend and our Annual May Brunch on May 1, 2 and 3, 1998. Please refer to page 22 for more information. We are looking towards the 100th Anniversary of the School in 2001. Many have been looking forward to another big reunion, so this will be a great opportunity for a celebration on a major scale. Anyone interested in being involved, is invited to contact me or the School.

HERITAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

BY: DIANE SIDEBOTTOM-
ROULSTON (B.H. '80)

The Heritage Committee is pleased to announce that Barbara (Gillespie) Tiller (BH '60) has volunteered her time and expertise as a design consultant for the renovation of Aikins House. Barbara has provided us with a fantastic furniture plan and is now working on flooring ideas and, of course, color and fabric selections.

We are very excited that the actual restoration is now underway – the dining room furniture is the first on the repair and restoration list. Several pieces of artwork have been sent out, with more to follow in the early new year.

As of November 1997 the Library is once again graced by James Aikins original Partners desk. This desk had been used in the Grade 6 class room for years. We are pleased that the school was able to find a replacement desk and return Aikins Partners desk to its original home.

Ruby Ashdown (RB 39) has been busy investigating our antique furniture and suspects that a chaise (currently in storage) may be from 1810-1815, or at the very least, a copy from later in the century. How impressive!

We are very excited as we are now able to begin the execution of the project. We appreciate your support and look forward to ongoing support, be it financial or donations in kind.



Debbie Metcalfe '76, Signy Stewart '74 and Maria Lysack '82 at the Annual Alumnae Meeting.

Annual Giving

Don't forget about Balmoral Hall and our Annual Giving Campaign – for the time is now! If you have already sent in a donation – THANK YOU! The School relies on your donations – the same story you hear in the news affects Balmoral Hall – cutbacks in education funding, rising tuition costs, and rising costs to keep Balmoral Hall as a premier school, in Manitoba.

If you are thinking that this year is not a good year, financially, to send a donation, think of it as a donation towards the costs involved in sending *The Portal* out to you, twice a year.

Your donations go directly to funding specific Alumnae Scholarships given out to Balmoral Hall students, as a reward for outstanding performance. These scholarships go a long way to encourage excellence in the students and keep the School competitive. The Alumnae take pride in giving these scholarships – it is a way to give back something to the School.

As an alumna of the School, be it Balmoral Hall, Riverbend, Havergal

or Rupert's Land, you may not realize that you are a vital aspect of what Balmoral Hall is today. You provide the history and the background to the way things are done today. Balmoral Hall has always prided itself on its family environment and, as an alumna, you are an important part of that family.

Every alumna has different memories of her school days. Remember that you will always be a part of the Balmoral Hall family, no matter how far you stray from Winnipeg. (For us, we think of lifetime friends, laughter, an education base that we appreciate, and GREEN.)

We rely on your continued interest and financial support. In any way, large or small, you can make a difference for future Alumnae and you will always be a part of the Balmoral Hall family.

Tannis (Leach) Nuttall '83

Gail (Allman) Leach '59

Barbara Leach-Walter '81

Margo Leach '87

PROFILE OF ANNUAL GIVING FAMILY

Gail (Allman) Leach graduated from Balmoral Hall, in 1959, and went on to the University of Manitoba to complete a Bachelor of Commerce. She received her designation as a Chartered Accountant, in 1985. All three of her daughters attended Balmoral Hall - and all were members of Ballater House. Barbara Leach-Walters graduated in 1981; Tannis (Leach) Nuttall graduated in 1983; and Margo Leach attended the School until 1984 and is a member of the class of 1987.

Gail is currently living in Winnipeg, retired, keeping active with volunteer work and busy with her granddaughter (also volunteer work!). Barb went on to complete her Bachelor of Applied Science (Engineering – Geophysics) at Queen's University in 1985, and then, after working for a few years, left for England to attend London Business School to complete her MBA. Barb is currently living in London with her husband, Simon. Tannis went on to complete a Bachelor of Arts (Economics) at Dalhousie University, in 1986, and is currently living in Winnipeg, working in Financial Services, and driving her three-year-old daughter over to Grandma's for a visit! Margo left Balmoral Hall in 1984 and attended St. Michael's University School in Victoria, B.C. She then went on to Queen's University to complete a Bachelor of Commerce. After several years working in Toronto in marketing packaged goods, Margo moved to Athens, Greece, last year with her partner. She has now achieved fluency in Greek and is actively job-hunting!

Even Gus (Dad) went to Kindergarten, at Riverbend, but details seem to be sketchy in our alumnae records as to which year (it is suspected to be Class of '56) - obviously, he did not graduate from the School!



Tannis (Leach) Nuttall (B.H. '83), Paige Nuttall, Gail (Allman) Leach (B.H. '59)

Alumnae Reunions

FIRST ANNUAL REUNION WEEKEND

Mark your calendar for May 1, 2 and 3, 1998. This weekend will be "Reunion Weekend" for the classes celebrating a decade anniversary. Alumnae from the classes of 1988, 1978, 1968, 1967, 1958 and 1948 are invited to participate in various celebration events at the school and with your class, ending with an anniversary recognition at the Annual May Brunch on May 3rd at 11:00 a.m..

Come back to B.H. and celebrate your anniversary. We are looking forward to an exciting weekend.

If you would like more information or would like to help plan your reunion, please contact your class rep or Alumnae Office, at: 784-1600

CLASS REPS: '48, '58, '68: TBA

'67: Leslie Stovel

(held over from last year)

'78: Catherine (Coughlin) Thiessen

'88: Christine Hinchliffe



1968

GRADUATING CLASS



RUPERT'S LAND

KATHERINE (TAYLOR) SIMONDS

Katherine celebrated her 90th birthday on September 1, 1997, amid family and friends. She "retired" to Providence Manor in Kingston last February and continues to enjoy her daily walks, reading and stamp collecting.

MARIANNE (BURWOOD)

HOLLAMBY ('48)

Marianne is attempting to put together for the B.H. Library, recollections of her life during World War II; the impact of evacuation to Canada on her family, of separation from her father for four years and how it affected her family for the rest of their lives. Marianne is keeping busy babysitting, gardening and doing voluntary work. She keeps in touch with Anne (Cunningham) Black and Anne Duffin (both RLS '43) who, like herself, enjoy hearing from our Canadian school chums. She looks forward to celebrating 100 years of Havergal/Rupert's Land/Riverbend and Balmoral Hall in 2001.

CAROLYN DOWLER REID GRAHAM ('49)

Carolyn's second son, Jamie Reid, his wife and two children are now living in Cyprus, by choice - and after her ancestors were clever enough to move to the greatest country in the world! Perhaps they'll come home after all.

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N. ASHLEIGH EVERETT ('74)

Ashleigh was recently appointed as a Director of the Bank of Nova Scotia. Ashleigh is President of Winnipeg based Royal Canadian Securities Limited, whose principal operations include Domo Gasoline Corporation Ltd., a chain of retail gasoline stations in Western Canada; Bowring Gifts, a chain of retail gift stores across Canada; and Royal Canadian

Properties Limited, a real estate and development company. She is also Chair of Volunteers for the Pan Am Games.

MARY ANN RUSSELL TENOVE ('77)

Mary Ann, her husband Wendell who works for the CTV National News as a cameraman/editor, and family have been transferred to Calgary. The children are growing fast - Kyle Russell is 6 1/2, and Amy Victoria is 4 1/2.

LORI (JACKS) CULLEN ('79)

Lori has lived in Edmonton for the past eight years. She and her husband Mark have 2 girls - Jacqueline, age 7 and Nicola, age 4. She works as an RN in emergency clinical trial research.

NICOLA (MURRAY) TORY ('80)

Nicola announces the birth of her son, Matthew David, on October 15, 1997 in London, England. Matthew is a brother for Madeleine and James.

LAURIE (PAN) BENZ ('80)

Laurie is living in New Plymouth, New Zealand with her husband, Thomas, and three children, Alexandra, Nathanael and Zachary (7, 5 and 3 years old). Thomas, a Senior Production Engineer, is working for Fletcher Challenge Energy Taranaki, and Laurie, a Chemical Engineer, is currently at home with the children. E-mail address: thomas.benz@fce.co.nz

MARIA (CLARK) LYSACK ('82)

Maria gave birth to her third son, Carter Vaughn on August 12, 1997. Older brothers, Justin (6) and Andrew (2) are thrilled with their new brother. The Lysack family is also settling into a new home. Maria enjoys her involvement with the Alumnae Board, and would love to hear from some classmates.

CAROLYN (HORN) JONES ('83)

Carolyn has two daughters, age 7 and 4. She's operating her own catering business, and is looking forward to a class reunion in 1998.

KRISTINE CORBETT ('85)

Kristine was very busy this past year as she prepared for the opening in October of her business "Clayworks Pottery Studio", 5 - 222 Osborne in Winnipeg. She is also working on Fine Arts Degree at the University of Manitoba.

JILL CONDRA ('86)

Jill obtained her Masters in Science and is now teaching for one year at the University of Prince Edward Island.

TANNIS (STEIMAN) SCOTT ('86)

After a seven year career as an outerwear merchandiser at Gemini Fashions of Canada, Tannis is now working even harder at home. She married Michael Scott on June 1, 1991 and they now have a son, Matthew (July 5, 1995) and a daughter, Abigail (February 20, 1997).

LISA HASTINGS ('87)

Lisa graduated with a B.A. from the University of Manitoba and graduated business from Averette in Virginia. In 1995, she married Kevin Van, moved to Edmonton for one year and is now back in Winnipeg with identical twin girls, Paige and Katie.

LISA (HAMBURG) WEIDMAN ('88)

Lisa graduated from University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Human Ecology, and then went on to graduate from UBC with a Bachelor of Education in September, 1996. She married Richard Weidman in May, 1996 and they reside in Vancouver. Their first child, Joshua Isaac, was born on June 15, 1997. In September, 1997 Linda began teaching at a private school in Vancouver.

SARINA PAL ('89)

Sarina is teaching in an elementary school in Houston, Texas, and is also doing her Masters in Education, completing her Masters in 1998.

LISA (GUREVICH) SABIN ('89)

Lisa and her new husband, Marc Sabin (as of May 4, 1997) are moving to New York City where they plan to make a go of it in the theatre.

TREENA HASTINGS ('90)

Treena graduated with a B.A. from the University of Winnipeg, then moved to Minnesota and took Fine Arts. In 1996, she married Don White, and is now back at the University of Manitoba, finishing her Fine Arts degree and helping her sister.

AMY JOHNSON ('91)

Amy graduated from Queen's University in 1996, Materials Engineering. She has been working in the Abitibi-Consolidated Pulp & Paper Mill (Fort Frances) as a process engineer since May, 1996.

LOUISE COYLE ('93)

Louise Coyle, a University of British Columbia Law Student, travels to the Orient each summer to model professionally. She has been the "Shiseido Cosmetics" cover girl for several years and has once again had her contract renewed. Louise will return to Tokyo for a week in the New Year to shoot another campaign.

TEJEL PATEL ('94)

Tejel is currently in her second year studying Podiatric Medicine at the University of Brighton in Eastbourne, UK and enjoying it immensely.

KATHRYN ZAWORONOK ('95)

Kathryn travelled to Europe last year, and is now enrolled in the hairdressing

program at Selkirk College. She plans to move overseas within the next three years.

FIONA GARDEN ('96)

Fiona Garden is now working in Milan. She recently landed the Phillips Razor commercial campaign, destined for global usage. Fiona is also scheduled to do the "Carla Carini" catalogue campaign with renowned photographer, Aldo Fallai, as well as a second campaign with Ava Marie Johanssen and the editor of "D" Magazine. Fiona has been working in Europe for almost two years. She will return to North America this spring and has already been assigned to agencies in New York, L.A. and Miami.

GABRIELLE NYE ('97)

Gabrielle came to Balmoral Hall via the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School 1990 - 91. After pursuing her ballet interests, she took up French horn and September, 1997 saw her entering the University of Victoria to do a B. Music in Performance (French horn). This past August saw her briefly fly in and out of Winnipeg for the first time in six years - enough time to have lunch with a very special lady - Mrs. Rieger.

MEGHAN WATCHORN ('97)

Meghan is currently in Australia on a work visa, participating in the SWAP Program. She'd love to hear from classmates! Contact Meghan c/o IEP, Locked Bag 21, Royal Exchange NSW, Australia 1225.

BRIAN PORTER – Head of School

from 1989 to 1994
Brian left B.H. in 1994 to become Headmaster of the Munich International School, and now is Head of Strathcona – Tweedsmuir School in Calgary.

OBITUARIES

Jacqueline (Jackie) MacGillivray
(nee Porteous) – April 28, 1997

Katherine Marion Kendall
(nee Lincoln)
(Rupert's Land '40) – July 31, 1997

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YOU NOW?

MISSED IN LAST ISSUE: Sarah Carter was also involved with the choreography of the production *Grease Lightnin'*

1998 Dates To Remember...

JANUARY 21

Information Evening – 7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 5 & 6

Mid-Term Break – School Closed

FEBRUARY 14

Entrance Day

Parent Association Valentine's Ball –
Radisson Suite Hotel

FEBRUARY 20

Junior School Closes – 12:00 noon

FEBRUARY 26

Mid-
dle/Senior Career Symposium – 1:00-
3:30 p.m.

MARCH 4 & 5

Perform-
ing Arts Festival – 7:00 p.m.
Franco-Manitoban Cultural Centre
Middle/Senior School Closes – 1:00 p.m.

MARCH 6

Scholar-
ship Day

MARCH 9

“Cele-
brating Cultural Diversity” Day

MARCH 11

Junior School Closes – 12:00 Noon
Parent Teacher Interviews

MARCH 16 - 26

Japan Trip – 40 Middle/Senior School
students and staff to visit Sister School,
Shizuoka Eiwa and travel in Japan

MARCH 19

School Closes – 12:00 noon for
Spring Break

MARCH 20 – APRIL 6

Spring Break

APRIL 7

Opening Assembly –
Term III – 9:00 a.m.

APRIL 14

Family Lunch – Grades 5 & 6

APRIL 16

Family Lunch – Grades 3 & 4

APRIL 18-20

Senior Choir Trip to Toronto

APRIL 21

Family Lunch – Grades 7 & 8

APRIL 22

Choral Concert – 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 23

Family Lunch – Grades 1 & 2

APRIL 24

Jump Rope for Heart

MAY 1

Alumnae Reunion Weekend

MAY 3

Alumnae Brunch –
11:00 a.m. at Balmoral Hall School

MAY 4

Balmoral Hall School
Fashion Show – 7:00 p.m.
International Inn

MAY 5 & 6

Grade 6 Musical

MAY 7

Senior School Drama
Evening – 7:00 p.m.
Gas Station Theatre

MAY 11

Grandparents' Day

MAY 15 - 18

May Long Weekend – School Closed

MAY 20

Middle/Senior School Art Exhibition
& Awards Evening 7:00 p.m. at Bal-
moral Hall School

MAY 27

Junior/Middle/Senior Final
Assembly – 9:00 a.m.
– Doll Presentation

JUNE 10

Junior School Closing Exercises –
9:30 a.m. at Westminster United
Church

JUNE 11

Mid-
dle/Senior School Closing Exercises
– 9:30 a.m. at Westminster United
Church followed by Garden Party at
Balmoral Hall School

JUNE 12

Grad Dinner & Dance –
Radisson Suite Hotel

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

LET'S MAKE 1998 GREAT!

HEATHER HROUSALAS HEAD GIRL

In trying to make this school year a complete success, the Prefects have been working extremely hard at planning various student activities. The year started with W.I.N.S. Week (Welcome In New Students Week), when new and old girls participated in all kinds of crazy events, in order to get acquainted with each other and the school. The Prefects also organized the spookiest Halloween Week ever, with pumpkin-carving and door-decorating contests. However, the highlight of the term was The Electric

Circus Dance! The unfailing efforts, of all the Senior and Middle School Prefects and the Student Council, ensured that our first, full school dance summed up the first term on a terrific note!

It's quite obvious that Balmoral Hall has been a dynamic place to be during the last few months. Balmoral Hall is unique in providing numerous opportunities for its students to be involved in everyday school life. It's wonderful to see girls of different grade levels getting to know each other by playing on the sports teams, participating in this year's musical, or joining one of the various clubs that

the school offers. It will be exciting to see the many friendships formed during the course of the year.

My responsibilities, as Head Girl, have kept me extremely busy. It seems that there's never enough time in one day to accomplish all that needs to be done – Executive and Student Council meetings, assemblies, Mufti Days, spirit events, dances, interhouse competitions and much, much more. I can only hope that the remainder of the school year will continue to be a complete success. The Prefects and I look forward to making 1997-1998 the most extraordinary year that Balmoral Hall has ever seen!



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